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SUBJECT: TRANSMISSION CONSULTANT FOR SHAPE TECHNICAL
CENTER (STC)

SUMMARY. STC PROPOSES TO HIRE AN EXPERT IN ANALOG AND
DIGITAL TRANSMISSION FOR ONE YEAR TO ASSIST IN A STUDY
OF EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR PROJECT 85 (SHAPE'S NEW
COMMAND CENTER). ALLIED NATIONS ARE INVITED TO NOMINATE
CANDIDATES BY JUNE 1, 1978. IF THE US WISHES TO NOMINATE,
WE REQUEST THAT WASHINGTON UNDERTAKE TO RECRUIT OUR
CANDIDATE. END SUMMARY.

1. THE IMMEDIATE EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK TO
SUPPORT PROJECT 85 (NEW SHAPE COMMAND CENTER) WILL HAVE
A "RING AND SPOKE" CONFIGURATION. AS ORIGINALLY
AUTHORIZED, THIS NETWORK WAS TO USE ANALOG TRANSMISSION;
NOW, BECAUSE OF TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES, SHAPE HAS
DETERMINED THAT THE NETWORK WILL BE REQUIRED TO HANDLE
BOTH ANALOG AND DIGITAL SIGNALS.

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2. STC IS CHARGED WITH DESIGN OF THIS NETWORK. HOWEVER,
IT MUST MAKE A STUDY TO DEVELOP A PRELIMINARY DESIGN
PROPOSAL FROM WHICH FINAL SPECIFICATIONS CAN BE PREPARED.
STC, SUPPORTED BY SHAPE, HAS REQUESTED AUTHORITY TO
HIRE A CONSULTANT TO AUGMENT ITS RESOURCES TO MAKE THIS
STUDY. THIS CONSULTANT EFFORT IS EXPECTED TO BE

EQUIVALENT TO ONE MAN-YEAR AT A COST OF IAV 30,000.
STC PROPOSED TO SELECT A QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL "KNOWN
TO STC AND NOT CONNECTED WITH ANY FIRM".

3. THE P AND P COMMITTEE AGREED TO FUND THE CONSULTANT
EFFORT, BUT RESPONDING TO A UK INITIATIVE, INVITED
ALLIED NATIONS TO NOMINATE AN EXPERT. NATIONS CHOOSING
TO NOMINATE MUST DO SO BY JUNE 1, 1978, SUBMITTING
NOMINATIONS DIRECTLY TO STC (DR. INCE). STC WILL
SELECT THE CONSULTANT IT WANTS, PRESUMABLY FROM AMONG
THE NOMINEES, ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT PRECLUDED FROM
SELECTING ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL.

4. THIS PROCEDURE COULD BE DISCRIMINATORY TO US
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WHO MAY BE QUALIFIED AND INTERESTED
IN THIS ONE-YEAR EFFORT. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THE
IMPORTANCE AND URGENCY OF PROJECT 85, WE RECOMMEND THAT
THE US INTERPOSE NO OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED PROCEDURE.

5. IF THE US WISHES TO NOMINATE A CONSULTANT, WE
REQUEST THAT WASHINGTON UNDERTAKE TO RECRUIT HIM.BENNETT

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